

News from the Shelby County Mayor's Office Mark H. Luttrell. Jr.. Mayor

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Mayor Luttrell Selects Ross Dyer as Shelby County Attorney

Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr., has chosen the lead attorney of the Tennessee Attorney General's Office in Memphis to be the new Shelby County Attorney.

Ross Dyer has served as Senior Counsel and Managing Attorney for the local office of the Tennessee Attorney General's Office since 2004.

"Ross has excellent credentials and will be a great asset to us at Shelby County Government. His trial experience in the Tennessee Supreme Court, State Court of Appeals, Federal District Courts, Chancery, Circuit and other courts make him uniquely qualified for this position," said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

Besides civil law, Dyer has reviewed hundreds of criminal appeals cases filed in the Tennessee Appellate courts, Federal District Courts and other Tennessee trial courts. He also defended the constitutionality of the merger of the Memphis City and Shelby County School Systems.

"I'm honored Mayor Luttrell asked me to serve as Shelby County Attorney. My experience in various courts, especially assisting with the recent school merger, has provided me a great deal of insight about local issues affecting Shelby County," said Dyer.

Dyer formerly served with the Tennessee Attorney General's Nashville Office and worked at the law firm of J. Houston Gordon in Covington, Tennessee.

In 1998, Dyer graduated with a *Juris Doctorate* from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. He received a *Bachelor of Business Administration* with a minor in economics in 1995 from Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi.

Dyer's a member of the Memphis Bar Association and has worked with many community organizations including Christ Community Health Center, Impact Memphis and serves on the Executive Committee at Christ United Methodist Church.

He begins his duties on December 1st, pending approval by the Shelby County Commission.

Interim Shelby County Attorney Marcy Ingram will resume her duties as Deputy Shelby County Attorney. She's held the interim post since last December.

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